



Figure 7.1. Commercial ex-vessel value of bay scallop landings, North Carolina, 1887-2004 (Chestnut and Davis 1975). DMF Trip Ticket Program.

The landings values viewed from a historical perspective indicate there have been irregular fluctuations in bay scallop landings. The periods of 1932-1945, 1953-1962, 1970-1975, and from 1988-2004 were years when the deflated landings values appear to be quite a bit lower than the years preceding or after. A particularly disturbing issue is that the most recent decrease in landings value is the lowest it has been since records were kept (Table 7.1).